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Amdt. Dated March 20, 2007

Reply to Office communication of March 14, 2007

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has stated in the Office communication dated March 14, 2007 that the reply filed on 01/09/07 is not fully responsive because no position and remarks regarding the prior art of record Komura (US 6,216,232) and Douglas et al. (US 6,609,193) can be found.

First, please note the following remark on page 4 of the response: "The other cited references do not make up for the deficiencies of Volk." The other cited references clearly refer to Komura and Douglas et al.

Second, since the Examiner has already admitted that Komura and Douglas et al. do not show stopping the pipeline stages without creating condition for the pipelines to stop, a detailed discussion of these two references is not necessary because Applicant only needs to show that Volk also does not disclose stopping the pipeline stages without creating condition for the pipelines to stop.

In view of the foregoing as well as the response of 01/09/07, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9 are solicited.

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In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 CFR Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Stemer LLP, No. 12-1099.

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